

Selectmen's Meeting – November 17, 2008

Mr. Silvia, Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Murphy were present.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Mr. Silvia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of November 3, 2008. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY & FY 09 APPLICATION

Community Development Strategy Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. The Director of Planning and Economic Development stated no additional comments on the proposed strategy were received and the comment period is now closed. Mr. Roth also stated no changes have been made to the "2008 Fairhaven Community Development Strategy". (See attached.) The "Target Area" will remain the same: the Cushman Park neighborhood including the following priority streets: Green Street, Main Street, Middle Street, Spring Street, Park Street and Elliot Street. Discussion followed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the Community Development Strategy as presented. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER PLANNING & BLOCK GRANT MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the Amendment to Contract between Town of Fairhaven and GCG Associates, Inc., 84 Main Street, Wilmington, MA for Engineering Services for Middle Street Reconstruction Project. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the land grant for the Nasketucket Land Purchase. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

M.O.L.I.F.E.

Mr. Murphy left the room. Ivan Brito, Program Supervisor for M.O.L.I.F.E., was present and discussed his request to explore "the opportunity for someone from our agency to be considered for a part-time position through the Town of Fairhaven. Specifically, the job that consists of taking the signs off of poles throughout the Town.", but would be open to any type of employment. The Board discussed the request with Mr. Brito. They support M.O.L.I.F.E., but at this time, there is a hiring freeze and budgets are tight. The Board took the matter under advisement. A copy of the letter and a memo will be sent to the School Superintendent, Board of Public Works Superintendent, Recreation Director and Council on Aging Director asking them to contact Mr. Brito if a position is available within their department. Mr. Murphy returned to the meeting.

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At 7:10 p.m. the meeting was recessed for 15 minutes. Meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING
FAIRHAVEN CONVENIENCE STORE

Mr. Silvia called the Liquor License Hearing for Nina Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Fairhaven Convenience Store, 121 Sconticut Neck Road, continued from November 3, 2008 to order at 7:30 p.m. Attorney Stephen Swaye, representing the applicant, the owner Mr. Shamsi and the Manager James A. Casey were in attendance. Attorney Swaye submitted a copy of the application for Workers' Compensation Insurance and stated the policy becomes effective November 20, 2008. He said the handicap parking space has been marked and the plaque installed. Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Health Agent stating "Mr. Shamsi has made noticeable improvements to the establishment. Therefore, the Board of Health presently has no objections for the requested beer and wine license." (See attached.) Mr. Silvia said the Building Commissioner requested a plan drawn by a surveyor showing the exact dimensions of the property. To date, the Building Commissioner has not "signed off" on the application. Attorney Swaye stated a plan drawn by a professional surveyor will be submitted. Discussion followed. Dr. Bowcock motioned conditional approval of the application contingent upon submittal of a professional surveyor's plan and approval of that plan by the Building Commissioner and all employees are TIPs certified. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for approval.

TREE WARDEN

The Tree Warden was in attendance to request the removal of trees at 77 Farmfield Street and across from Farmfield Street because they are badly deteriorated. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the removal of the three trees. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Repairs to the bucket truck hydraulic system were discussed. The Finance Committee did approve a transfer request to pay for the repairs.

Howland Road reconstruction project was discussed. The Tree Warden will contact the Board of Public Works Superintendent to discuss which trees need to be removed for the road reconstruction project.

In the Spring, trees will be planted on Adams Street between Washington Street and Spring Street.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will attend a meeting on November 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Greater New Bedford Vocational High School.

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Town Hall Job Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on November 18, 2008.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet at 12:00 noon on November 19, 2008 in Wareham.

Flu Clinic will be held on November 20, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

Meeting of the Health Insurance Advisory Committee is scheduled for November 19, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. GIC Insurance will be discussed with Peter Kenney of Cook and Company.

Retirement Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on November 24, 2008.

Board of Public Works will meet on November 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss refurbishing water tanks and a contract for maintenance.

The Town Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve payment to NER Construction, 31 West Street, Suite E, Randolph, MA in the amount of \$27,331.08 for Change Order #2, 3, and 4 for the Town Hall Restoration Project. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the agreement by and between the Town of Fairhaven and Local 64, New England Police Benevolent Association for the period commencing on July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Real Estate Tax Bills will be mailed on Friday, November 21st and due Monday, December 22nd.

Mr. Osuch summarized the letter from Deborah Jenkins, Director of the Council on Aging, regarding "feasibility study expansion funding" and a request for the Selectmen to support and assist the expansion needs of the Senior Center. (See attached.) A copy of the letter will be sent William Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to send a letter to the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1555, to re-affirm the policy established in 2004 allowing the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to transport their children in Town vehicles. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached letter.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Ronald J. Medina a full member of the Cable Advisory Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2009)

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ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

\$100.00 donation to the Gift Account was accepted.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Dr. Bowcock motioned to set Friday, January 9, 2009 as the deadline for Street Acceptance Articles and Friday, January 23, 2009 for all other articles. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Articles must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by 4:00 p.m. on these dates.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Kenneth Kendall an Associate member of the Board of Appeals. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2011.)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for October 2008 will be placed on file.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the Community Development Block Grant Close-Out Agreement for FY 05 & FY 06. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Police Chief regarding cuts to the FY 09 Community Policing Grant. (See attached.) The Board applauded the Chief for trying to keep the School Resource Office Program going. It has been a very successful program.

MOVING PERMIT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application for a Moving Permit for 5 Summer Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

CLASS II LICENSE

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application submitted by Richard N. Dussault d/b/a Dussault Auto Sales, 99 Spring Street, to change the Class II License to Dussault Auto Sales, LLC. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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NEMASKET GROUP

Mr. Silvia summarized the request from Ross Hooley of the Nemasket Group for a student “job sample” at Town Hall. (See attached.) An appointment will be made on the December 1, 2008 agenda to discuss the request in more detail with Mr. Ross.

NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 26 Day Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 19 Weeden Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 24 Oliver Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 9 Eddy Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 23 Kane Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

OTHER MATTERS

The Board thanked Gerry Payette and Veterans' Agent Jim Cochran for all their hard work on a very successful Veterans' Day Parade.

Mr. Murphy reported the Commission on Disability plans a budget reduction for FY 2010.

The Board wished residents a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving Day and a happy beginning to the holiday season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:50 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss a Board of Health personnel issue, a personnel issue regarding a past employee, a contract for the Town Accountant and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

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Jan St. Germain
Secretary